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Douglas Wulf  
Legislative Oversight Committee  
State of Iowa

RE: Henry's Turkey Service

Dear Committee Members:

You have asked Muscatine County to provide some input into the current situation in Atalissa.

As you know Muscatine County, through its Community Services Department, provides or purchases (on a voluntary basis) services for persons with disabilities. Community Services was not requested to provide or purchase services to any of the residents of the Henry's Turkey Services' house in the past. The County recognizes that the responsibility for licensing and inspection of providers rests with the State of Iowa.

However, this incident does bring to mind the issue of rental property inspection in the rural and small incorporated areas of the counties in the State. If the Governmental Affairs Committee could be of help in formulating laws and providing funding for this type of service, it would be of value to all citizens.

We hope these comments are helpful in your deliberations.

Sincerely,



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County Administrative Services Director



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